



COURT ORDERED MEDIATIONS IN ARKANSAS

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2007 STATISTICS FACT SHEET

The following information is based on 394 statistical reporting forms received between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007. Certified mediators are required to fill out a Statistical Reporting Form for each circuit court ordered case they mediate. The ADR Commission office does not have information on the **total number** of mediations ordered by the Arkansas Circuit Courts, only those cases that are reported to our office. Included in this report is a copy of the Statistical Reporting Form used to compile this data (see last page).

RESULTS OF COURT ORDERED MEDIATION SESSIONS:

What types of cases were ordered for mediation? (See Chart 1)

- Civil - 115 cases (29%)
- Domestic Relations - 154 cases (40%)
- Juvenile – 120 cases (30%)
- Probate – 5 cases (1%)

Did the mediation take place? (See Chart 2)

- A. No, Mediation never began. – 13 cases (3%)
- B. Yes, but mediation was halted. – 102 cases (26%)
- C. Yes, Mediation was completed with a full agreement. – 233 cases (61%)
- D. Yes, mediation was completed with a partial agreement. – 40 cases (10%)

Note: 6 cases were reported with no settlement information listed.

Did the judge send all issues of the case to mediation or limited issues? (See Chart 3)

- 313 cases included **all issues** (79%)
- 62 cases were **limited issues** (16%)
- 19 cases were **unspecified** (5%)

How many mediation sessions were conducted? (See Chart 4)

- One session – 356 cases (95%)
- Two sessions – 16 cases (4%)
- Three sessions – 2 cases (1%)

Note: 374 statistical reports contained information concerning the number of mediation sessions per case. Of the remaining twenty reports received, thirteen mediations never began, and seven statistical reports did not indicate the number of sessions held.

How many TOTAL hours were spent in mediation? (See Chart 5)

- 4 hours or less – 224 cases (59%)
- 4.25 - 8 hours – 122 cases (33%)
- 8.25 - 12 hours – 25 cases (7%)
- Over 12 hours – 2 cases (1%)

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What types of cases were ordered for mediation?

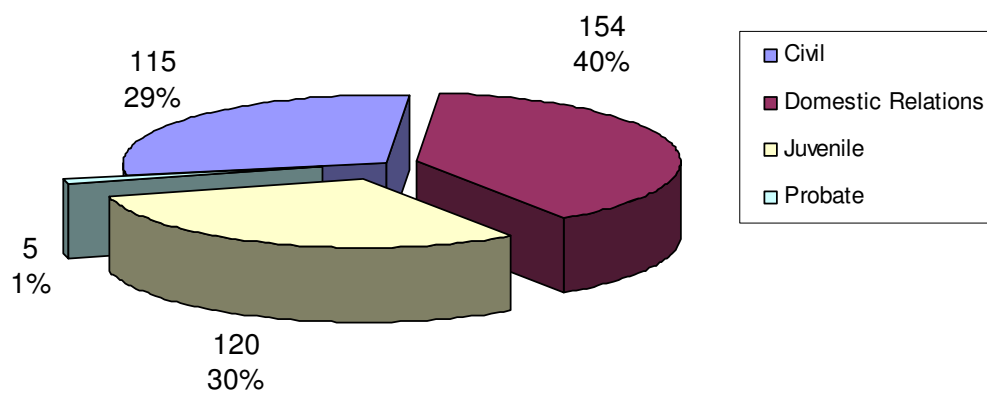


Chart 1

Did the mediation take place?

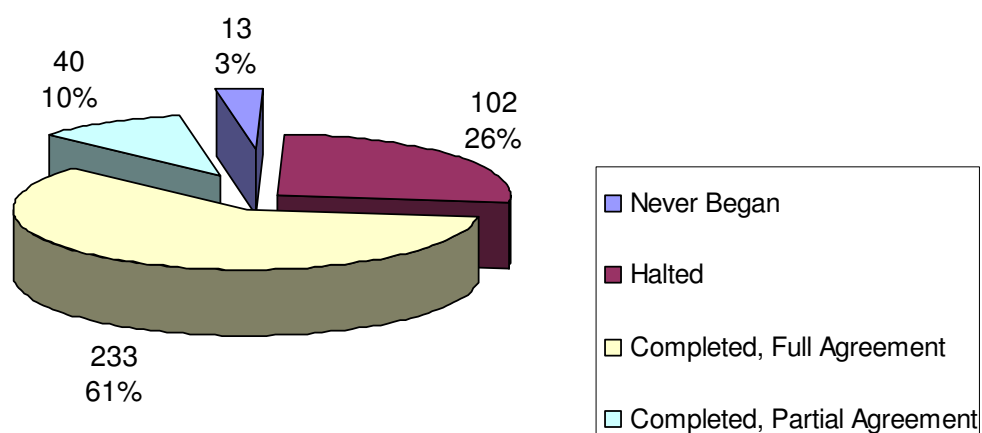


Chart 2

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Did the judge send all issues of the case to mediation or limited issues?

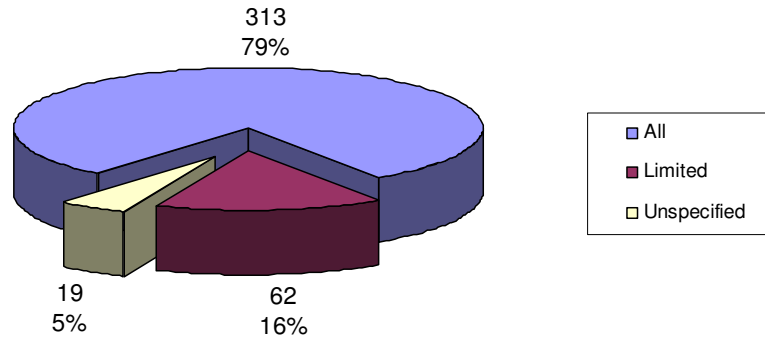


Chart 3

How many mediation sessions were conducted?

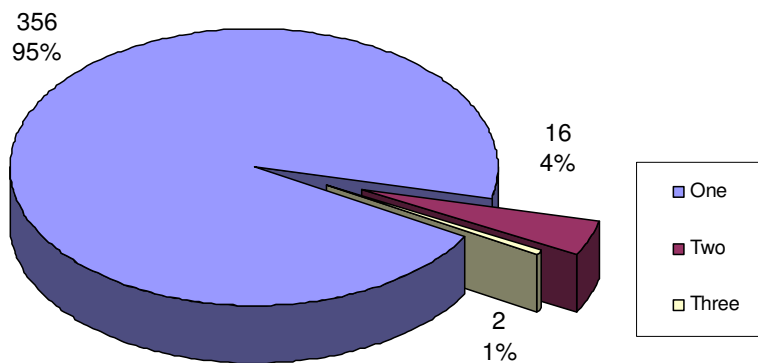


Chart 4

How many TOTAL hours were spent in mediation?

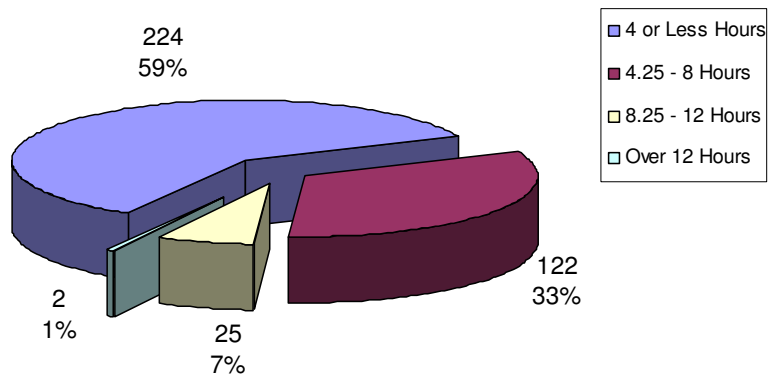
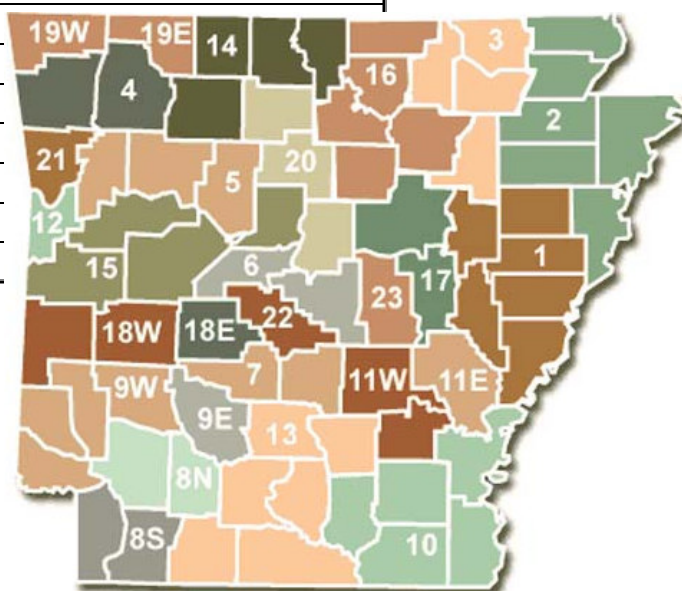


Chart 5

ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS AND THEIR COUNTIES

Judicial Circuit Court	Counties Served in Judicial Circuit Court District
1	Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis, Woodruff
2	Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Greene, Mississippi, Poinsett
3	Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp
4	Madison, Washington
5	Franklin, Johnson, Pope
6	Perry, Pulaski
7	Grant, Hot Springs
8 NO	Hempstead, Nevada
8 SO	Lafayette, Miller
9 E	Clark
9 W	Howard, Little River, Sevier, Pike
10	Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew
11 E	Arkansas
11 W	Jefferson, Lincoln
12	Sebastian
13	Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, Union
14	Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton
15	Conway, Logan, Scott, Yell
16	Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Stone
17	Prairie, White
18 E	Garland
18 W	Montgomery, Polk
19 E	Carroll
19 W	Benton
20	Faulkner, Searcy, Van Buren
21	Crawford
22	Saline
23	Lonoke



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MEDIATIONS ORDERED PER COUNTY

Reports received from mediators indicate that judges in 48 counties ordered cases to mediation. Listed below is the number of mediations ordered in each county:

COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED
ARKANSAS	1
ASHLEY	4
BAXTER	1
BENTON	68
BOONE	1
BRADLEY	2
CARROLL	5
CHICOT	5
CLARK	1
CLAY	2
CLEBURNE	1
CRAIGHEAD	2
CRAWFORD	14
DREW	3
FAULKNER	37
GARLAND	86
GRANT	1
GREEN	1
HOWARD	1
JACKSON	2
JEFFERSON	5
JOHNSON	1
LITTLE RIVER	1
LOGAN	1

COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED
HOT SPRINGS	2
LONOKE	28
MADISON	1
MARION	1
MILLER	4
MISSISSIPPI	2
MONROE	1
OUACHITA	2
PIKE	2
POINSETT	2
POPE	5
PRAIRIE	1
PULASKI	42
SALINE	3
SEARCY	2
SEBASTIAN	14
SEVIER	3
ST. FRANCIS	1
STONE	1
UNION	3
VAN BUREN	5
WASHINGTON	15
WHITE	7
YELL	1

Total cases 394.

NUMBER OF MEDIATION CASES ORDERED PER JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

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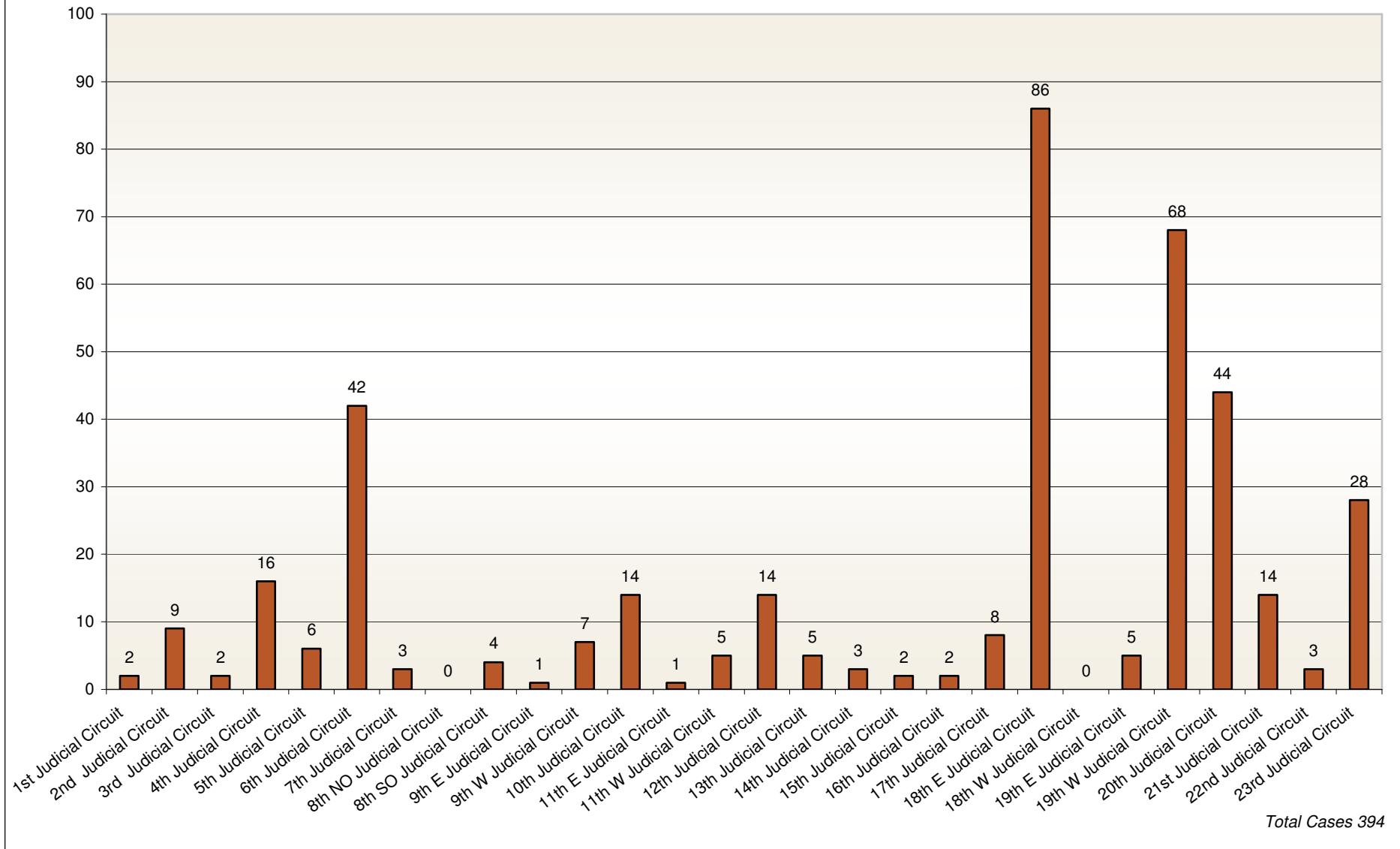


Chart 6. Reports received from mediators indicate twenty-six of twenty-eight circuit courts have ordered cases to mediation.

Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission
Statistical Reporting Form for Court Ordered Mediation

Please complete this form for all court ordered mediations. If a referral fails to attend mediation, fill in as much information as possible in order for the Commission to compile accurate statistics.

MEDIATOR INFORMATION

Last	First	M.I.	Certification Number
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City	State	Zip	Phone
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FILING INFORMATION

County	Judge	Circuit #	Docket # (Include subject prefix, i.e. JV, DR, PR,CV)
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Plaintiff's Name	Defendant's Name	Date Mediation was ordered
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Division (please check one): ☐ **JUVENILE** ☐ **DOMESTIC RELATIONS** ☐ **PROBATE** ☐ **CIVIL**

Is this case an *Arkansas Access & Visitation Mediation Program* Case? ☐ YES ☐ NO

MEDIATION ISSUES

Case Type: Please check all that apply. For "Other" categories, please describe case characteristics.

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|---|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Negligence | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent Estates | 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate Maintenance |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Negligence | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Trust Administration | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Abuse |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Families in Need of Services |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Please specify
type): _____ | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Dependency Neglect |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Equity | 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity | 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Custody/Visitation | 22. <input type="checkbox"/> Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction |
| | 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support | 23. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

MEDIATION SESSION(S)

1. Did the mediation take place?

- A. ☐ No, mediation never began.
- B. ☐ Yes, but mediation was halted.
- C. ☐ Yes, mediation was completed on ____ / ____ / ____ with a full agreement.
- D. ☐ Yes, mediation was completed on ____ / ____ / ____ with a partial agreement.

2. Did the judge send all issues of the case to mediation or limited issues of the case? ☐ All Issues ☐ Limited Issues

3. How many mediation sessions were conducted? _____ **4. How many TOTAL hours were spent in mediation?** _____

Please complete and return to:

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